

Community Development Department

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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Chehalis Recreation Park Renovation Phase II project has been determined to be exempt of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Per WAC 197-11-800(iv) the construction of a recreational building with 4,000 square feet or less and associated parking facilities of 20 automobiles or less is exempt. The current project is a renovation with no building replacements and/or parking lot expansions. Existing facilities will remain with only a ballfield replacement and playground structure replacement. The project area was prior disturbed during a 1999 extensive renovation project.

WAC 197-11-800(3) would also be an applicable exemption as this project is a repair/remodel of existing facilities with no expansion beyond the existing park and no change in use.

There are no wetlands, flood zone or other critical areas within or near the project vicinity. A Cultural Resources Study was performed to support the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion process.

Per CMC 17.15.100 SEPA required elements and process, subsection A(2): The city will not document that a proposal is categorically exempt. Such a decision will be annotated in the computerized application file for a development permit and such information is available to the public on request;

A note will be placed on each electronic file that the local jurisdiction has determined this project to be exempt of SEPA.

Please contact me at 360-345-2227, or email hhoke@ci.chehalis.wa.us, if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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